

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF MERRIMAC



FOR THE YEAR ENDING

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SELECTMEN, SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

WATER AND LIGHT BOARDS,

AND TOWN OFFICERS

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TOWN OFFICERS.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

JOHN K. SARGENT,	Term expires March 1913
JAMES W. BAILEY,	Term expires March 1914
STEPHEN L. KELLY,	Term expires March 1915

Clerk.

CLIFTON B. HEATH.

Treasurer

WILLIS H. SCOTT.

Collector of Taxes

FRED W. GEORGE.

Auditor

CHESTER E. WHITTING.

Water Commissioners

JAMES L. HOWE,	Term expires March 1913
WARREN A. BAILEY,	Term expires March 1914
WILLIS H. SCOTT,	Term expires March 1915

Municipal Light Board.

JAMES L. HOWE,	Term expires March 1913
WARREN A. BAILEY,	Term expires March 1914
WILLIS H. SCOTT,	Term expires March 1915

Registrars of Voters.

FRANK F. PHILBRICK,	*WILLIAM O. SMILEY,
CHAS. E. ROWELL,	CLIFTON B. HEATH,
**FRANK E. WALKER.	

Tree Warden

CHARLES R. FORD.

Superintendent of Streets.

JACOB T. CROSBY.

Constables

JOHN J. MINAHAN, FRED O. BAILEY,
ALBERT F. DICKEY.

School Committee

WALTER L. CHALONER Term expires March 1913
HENRY C. MANNING, Term expires March 1914
RALPH H. SARGENT, Term expires March 1915

Trustees of Public Library

THOMAS H. HOYT, Term expires March 1913
WILLIAM B. SARGENT, Term expires March 1913
JAMES F. PEASE, Term expires March 1914
B. FRANK SMITH, Term expires March 1914
CHARLES W. CUTTS, Term expires March 1915
CHARLES W. SAWYER, Term expires March 1915

Trustees of Kimball Park.

WALTER L. CHALONER, Term expires March 1913
FRED C. GRANT, Term expires March 1914
RICHARD A. SARGENT, Term expires March 1915

Trustees of Cemeteries.

CHAS. A. LANCASTER, Term expires March 1913
GEORGE G. LARKIN, Term expires March 1914
CHAS. E. ROWELL, Term expires March 1915

Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark

BYRON H. SARGENT, JOHN E. CURRIER,
EDGAR P. SARGENT.

Fence Viewers

LORENZO B. BLAISDELL, JAMES C. LIBBY,
EDSON C. WALKER.

Weighers of Coal and Measurers of Grain

BYRON H. SARGENT, EDWARD H. PREBLE,
ALICE J. HOYT.

Inspector of Animals.

GEORGE W. HOYT.

Fish and Game Wardens.

ORAN W. BURKE,

FRED O. BAILEY.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

HENRY C. MANNING.

Forest Warden.

EDGAR P. SARGENT.

Burial Agent.

ALBERT A. TRULL.

Field Drivers

RICHARD E. FINN,

JAMES L. HOWE,

STEPHEN L. KELLY.

Inspector of Meats.

GEORGE A. TITCOMB.

Superintendent of Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth.

CHARLES R. FORD.

Engineers of Fire Department.

WILLIAM S. TUCKWELL,

CLARENCE O. LIBBY,

ANGUS McINNIS.

*Deceased.

**Appointed August 12th, 1912.

**APPROPRIATIONS MADE AT ANNUAL MEETING,
MARCH 4, 1912.**

Soldiers' Relief,	\$ 100 00
Support of Poor,	1,900 00
Fire Department,	1,400 00
Forest Warden,	150 00
Highways and Bridges,	2,300 00
Snows and Washouts,	500 00
Sidewalks and Crossings,	200 00
Railings,	100 00
Interest,	650 00
Tree Warden,	200 00
Public Library,	300 00
Oil Lamps at Bear Hill,	25 00
Miscellaneous,	500 00
Board of Health,	200 00
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth,	528 79
Memorial Day,	75 00
Cemeteries,	100 00
Sealer of Weights and Measures,	50 00
Light Department,	
Construction,	350 00
Maintenance,	1,183 89
Water Department,	
Construction,	100 00
Hydrants, etc.,	1,775 00
Maintenance,	2,027 43
School Department,	
General Purposes,	7,650 00
Transportation,	1,000 00
Superintendent,	375 00

Bonding Town Officers,	110 00
Insuring Town Property,	106 62
Town Landing,	150 00
Town Officers,	
Moderator,	5 00
Registrars of Voters,	70 00
Chief of Police,	150 00
Auditor,	50 00
Assessors,	150 00
Fire Engineers,	75 00
Election Officers,	65 00
Special Police,	50 00
Town Clerk,	75 00
Inspector of Animals,	25 00
Night Watchman,	730 00
Collector of Taxes,	350 00
First Selectman,	300 00
Second Selectman,	125 00
Third Selectman,	125 00
School Committee,	100 00
Discount,	200 00

SPECIAL MEETING JULY 29th.

Tileing brook on Church street,	640 00
Light extension Bancroft street,	75 00

SPECIAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 16th.

Light Extension, Judkins' Ct.,	\$75 00
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\$ 26,751 73

Under Article 14 it was voted that the sum of \$780.42 be appropriated for the use of the Light Board if found necessary in making the extension on Locust St. \$500.00 of this amount was used.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

To the citizens of the Town of Merrimac.

Greeting:

We, the Selectmen of the town for the year 1912, would report that we have drawn orders numbered from 1,406 to 1,992 inclusive, amounting to \$34,437.58 and expended as follows:

TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation,	\$ 2,295 00
Overdrawn,	47 47
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	\$ 2,342 47

Expended as follows:

James W. Bailey, salary and election officer,	\$ 260 00
John K. Sargent, salary and election officer,	120 05
Stephen L. Kelly, salary and election officer,	104 05
John J. Minahan, chief of police and night watch,	882 00
A. P. Wadleigh, auditor and election officer,	54 50
Willis H. Scott, treasurer 1911 and to Jan. 1, 1913,	137 50
C. O. Libby, salary of engineers,	75 00
Clifton B. Heath, registrar and town clerk to Jan. 1st, 1913,	91 67

W. S. Lewis, special police duties,	4 18
John E. Bean, Jr., special police duties,	5 00
Henry C. Manning, special police duties,	15 50
Williard H. Streeter, police duties,	5 00
Oran W. Burke, police duties,	5 00
Fred W. George, collector of taxes,	348 94
Thomas Hoyt, town council,	50 00
H. C. Manning, school committee and election officer,	44 66
R. H. Sargent, school committee,	20 83
Walter L. Chaloner, school committee,	20 83
Frank E. Walker, registrar,	6 13
Chas. E. Rowell, registrar,	9 80
Fred O. Bailey, police duty,	20 83
George B. Patten, election officer,	3 00
Dennis Donahue, election officer,	3 00
Chas. F. Burns, election officer,	7 00
Benj. F. Carter, election officer,	8 00
Proctor C. Smith, election officer,	8 00
Richard E. Finn, election officer,	10 00
Michael Burns, Jr., election officer,	3 00
Burton C. Lefavor, election officer,	6 00
Fredd P. Clement, election officer,	7 00
Oliver W. Jordan, election officer,	3 00
James P. Flynn, election officer,	3 00
	<hr/> \$ 2,342 47

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Appropriated,	\$ 200 00
Special meeting,	640 00
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	\$ 840 00
Unexpended,	178 35
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	\$ 661 65

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Expended as follows:

Edward F. Goodwin, labor,	\$ 40 89	
Daniel C. Bunker, labor,	30 33	
Jacob T. Crosby, labor,	1 25	
James W. Bailey, labor,	5 25	
Rufus E. Howieson, labor,	14 44	
Arthur Stewart, labor,	21 56	
American Express Co., expressage,	20	
Sargent Coal Co., cement,	4 00	
John E. Currier, tile and lumber,	434 62	
James H. Stewart, hauling stones,	50	
I. B. Little Co., supplies,	1 34	
Fred L. Parker, supplies,	7 23	
Waldo Bros., 3 Concord grates,	22 28	
Haverhill Construction Co., stock and labor,	76 75	
A. McInnis & Son, cartage and freight,	1 01	
	<hr/>	\$ 661 65

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation,	\$ 2,300 00
Excise tax,	368 43
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Total receipts,	\$ 2,668,43
Unexpended,	1,151 13
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	\$ 1,517 30

Expended as follows:

J. T. Crosby, supt.,	48 50
J. T. Crosby, team,	190 50
Byron Sargent, team,	52 75
Homer R. Sargent, team,	20 00

G. G. Davis, team,	94 43
M. W. Thompson, team,	29 50
Mrs. E. C. Little, team,	13 50
L. B. Blaisdell, team,	18 00
James H. Stewart, team,	1 00
Homer R. Sargent, labor,	4 00
E. F. Goodwin, labor,	125 09
Wm. Morrow, labor,	140 07
R. E. Howieson, labor,	81 43
Timothy Griffin, labor,	12 89
A. G. Flower, labor,	105 52
D. C. Bunker, labor,	116 85
Louis Graham, labor,	4 00
Arthur Stewart, labor,	8 00
L. W. Howe, labor,	8 22

\$ 1,074 25

Miscellaneous Bills.

L. B. Blaisdell, gravel,	\$ 2 00
American Express Co., expressage,	85
Barrett Mfg. Co., cartage on pump,	50
Good Roads Machinery Co., supplies,	16 00
Boston & Maine R. R., freight,	25
John E. Currier, lumber and tile,	22 07
Frank C. Williams, stock and labor,	7 45
I. B. Little Co., paint, etc.,	10 70
Haverhill Construction Co., repair- ing walks,	186 88
C. W. Chapman, stock and labor,	16 09
County of Essex, 16 2-3 expense on Rocks Bridge,	162 46
B. Frank Sargent, gravel	3 00
J. P. Titcomb, surveying,	14 80

\$ 443 05

\$ 1,517 30

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SNOW AND WASHOUTS.

Appropriation,	\$ 500 00
Unexpended,	158 71
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	\$ 341 29

Expended as follows:

J. T. Crosby supt.,	\$ 17 50	
J. T. Crosby, team,	110 00	
E. W. Haskell, team,	29 07	
G. G. Davis, team,	17 32	
J. F. Gussha, team,	4 55	
E. W. Haskell, labor,	2 88	
D. C. Bunker, labor,	24 10	
Wm. Morrow, labor,	45 66	
E. F. Goodwin, labor,	62 88	
R. E. Howieson, labor,	18 44	
C. E. Hoyt, labor,	44	
E. S. McKay, labor,	22	
A. G. Flower, labor,	2 88	
John E. Currier, tile and sand,	3 90	
Frank C. Williams, stock and labor,	1 45	
	<hr/>	\$ 341 29

RAILING.

Appropriation,	\$ 100 00
Unexpended,	3 96
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	\$ 96 04

Expended as follows:

J. T. Crosby, supt.,	\$ 5 00
E. F. Goodwin, labor,	22 55
D. C. Bunker, labor,	22 55

R. E. Howieson, labor,	15 44	
G. G. Davis, team,	4 95	
J. E. Currier, lumber,	4 15	
Moses Blotner, pipe,	21 40	
	<hr/>	\$ 96 04

SIDEWALKS AND CROSSINGS.

Appropriation,	\$ 200 00	
Rec. and due from abutters,	151 18	
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	\$ 351 18	
Unexpended,	3 53	
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	\$ 347 65	

Expended as follows:

Haverhill Construction Co., concrete,	\$ 347 65	
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CEMETERIES.

Appropriation,	\$ 100 00	
From sale of wood,	36 12	
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	\$ 136 12	
Unexpended,	36 62	
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	\$ 99 50	

Expended as follows:

Trustees of cemeteries, building fence and clerical work,	\$ 37 50	
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Chas. S. Jackman, labor,	6 00	
W. S. Pattee, labor,	46 00	
Geo. F. Putnam, labor,	6 00	
Arthur Stewart, labor,	4 00	
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MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation,	\$ 500 00
Sale of school house,	162 50
Junk licenses,	25 00
Rent of Sargent's hall,	43 25
Sale of Pound lot,	55 00
Rent of First National Bank,	300 00
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	\$ 1,085 75
Unexpended,	252 22
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	\$ 833 53

Expended as follows:

A. B. Sawyer, supplies,	\$ 50
A. P. Wadleigh, expense 1911,	2 50
J. J. Minahan, serving warrants, expense, etc.,	39 30
Geo. E. Ricker, stamps, box rent, etc,	49 78
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., tele- phone service,	30 27
Clifton B. Heath, printing,	165 03
I. B. Little Co., supplies,	9 02
Margaret Greeley, typewriting,	2 25
Merrimac Light Dept., lamps,	3 95
Clarence O. Libby, stock and labor,	12 55
Willard H. Streeter, setting glass,	9 96

A. P. Marden, tuning and repairing piano,	6 75
Amesbury Publishing Co., printing,	136 89
Thomas E. Curtis, reimbursement,	5 72
Willis H. Scott, car fares, etc.,	17 07
A. W. Brownell, assessors' supplies,	4 90
H. W. Johns, Manville Co., dustbane,	6 00
Sargent Coal Co., fuel,	97 05
John K. Sargent, use of team,	3 00
Hobbs & Warren, supplies to collector,	7 89
P. B. Murphy, supplies to town clerk,	2 05
American Express Co., expressage,	40
Allen Bros., police badge,	1 00
G. W. Sargent's Sons, lumber,	7 41
James W. Bailey, expense and supplies,	38 40
P. Derby & Co., 12 chairs for hall,	11 00
M. D. Jones Co., bubbling fountain,	25 50
William L. Morse, reimbursement,	5 20
G. G. Davis, teams,	5 75
J. P. Laskey, washing blankets,	2 00
A. McInnis & Son, freight,	2 00
J. P. Moxey, glass,	7 19
W. J. Hale, recording deed,	65
Carter Ink Co., ink,	75
Mrs. F. H. Hargraves, meals to prisoners,	1 25
Haverhill Gazette Co., advertising,	3 75
John E. Currier, lumber,	1 95
Henry C. Manning, care of selectmen's room, putting up booths,	30 85
Merrimac Water Dept., stock and labor on fountain,	3 00
Preble Bros., 3 lamp brackets,	30

Hanscom Hardware Co., floor wax,	50	
W. A. Barbeau, use of automobile,	2 00	
Fred E. Sweetsir, returning 25		
births,	6 50	
Zenas Lovell & Co., supplies,	4 80	
C. C. Witham, stock and labor		
at police station,	22 40	
H. H. Story, supplies,	45	
Clifton B. Heath, recording births,		
marriages and deaths,	34 60	
F. C. Williams, stock and labor,	1 50	
	—————\$	833 53

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor would report that we have given relief and partial support to 12 persons having settlements in Merrimac.

Persons having settlement in Haverhill,	12
Persons having settlement in Lawrence,	1
Persons having settlement in Boston,	1
Persons having no settlement and charged to the	
state,	1
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Total,	27

Appropriation,	\$ 1,900 00
Received and due from city of Haverhill,	262 22
Received and due from city of Lawrence,	74 48
Received and due from Commonwealth,	49 64
Received as a reimbursement,	25 00
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	\$ 2,311 34
Overdrawn,	642 10
	—————
	\$ 2,953 44

Aid rendered and bills paid as follows:

Cash,	\$ 159 00
Rent,	96 00
Groceries, meat, etc.,	224 67
Fuel,	78 01
Medical attendance,	418 60
Board,	220 00
Miscellaneous,	23 45
Medical supplies,	50
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	- \$ 1,220 23

Fully Supported.

Settlement in Merrimac,	7
Aid rendered as follows,	
Rent,	\$ 119 00
Groceries and meat,	538 65
Clothing,	53 80
Fuel,	96 16
Medical attendance,	92 50
Board,	576 50
Miscellaneous,	35
Medical supplies,	14 25
Care,	242 00
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	\$ 1,733 21
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	\$ 2,953 44

INTEREST.

Appropriated,	\$ 650 00
Unexpended,	230 00
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Willis H. Scott, treas.,	\$ 420 00
Expended as follows,	

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Appropriation,	\$	100 00
Due from the Commonwealth,		74 00
Overdrawn,		369 90
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	\$	543 90

Expended as follows,

Number of persons aided,		4
Cash,	\$	52 00
Burial,		74 00
Fuel,		22 95
Medical attendance,		88 25
Care,		293 25
Medical supplies,		13 70
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	\$	543 90

OIL LAMPS.

Bear Hill Street.

Appropriation,	\$	25 00
Unexpended,		4 57
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	\$	20 43

Expended as follows,

Fred A. Smith, care,	\$	8 75
Max Smith, care,		6 25
Zenas Lovell & Co., supplies,		5 43
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	\$	20 43

REIMBURSEMENT.

M. Perry Sargent for taxes paid on

J. V. Holt property,	\$	99	30
		<u> </u>	\$ 99 30

TOWN LANDINGS.

Appropriation,	\$	150	00
Overdrawn,			12 50
		<u> </u>	\$ 162 50

Expended as follows,

J. P. Titcomb, surveying and set-

ting bounds,	\$	146	25
The M. D. Jones Co., signs,		7	50
County Commissioners, adv., hearing,		3	00
G. G. Davis, team,			75
James W. Bailey, expense,		5	00
		<u> </u>	\$ 162 50

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation,	\$	1,400	00
Overdrawn,			4 51
		<u> </u>	\$ 1,404 51

Expended as follows,

Pay Roll of Hose No. 1 for the Year Ending May 1, 1912.

H. E. Hoyt,	\$	25	00
J. E. Bean, Jr.,		25	00
J. P. Flynn,		25	00

George Hoyt,	25 00
L. G. Harrington,	25 00
W. Carter,	25 00
C. Howe,	25 00
A. Hume,	25 00
C. C. Witham,	25 00
M. Jennings,	25 00
William Casazza,	25 00
M. Gilmore,	25 00
P. Marshall,	25 00
E. Emerson,	25 00
W. Woodman,	25 00
C. Cammett,	25 00
J. Rollins,	25 00
W. S. Lewis,	12 50
L. B. Davis,	22 92
G. H. Gilday,	12 50

\$ 485 42

Pay Roll of Hose No. 2 for the Year Ending May 1, 1912.

F. E. Parker,	\$ 25 00
L. J. Whittier,	25 00
R. J. Eaton,	25 00
J. F. Welch,	25 00
C. A. Carter,	25 00
J. W. Currier,	25 00
William J. Currier,	25 00
F. O. Bailey,	25 00
H. Evans,	25 00
L. Y. Stevens,	25 00

\$ 250 00

Fred L. Parker, supplies,	\$ 5 95
L. B. Blaisdell, horses to fires,	35 00
A. McInnis, labor and trucking,	7 07

Sargent Coal Co., horses to fires,	49 50
Sargent Coal Co., fuel,	74 45
I. B. Little Co., supplies,	7 50
J. L. Whittier, repairing pipe,	50
L. B. Davis, work on fire alarm,	61 50
Merrimac Light Dept., labor and lamps,	5 80
J. P. Flynn, janitor Hose No. 1,	85 00
J. W. Currier, janitor Hose No. 2,	23 00
F. P. George, engineer steamer and rolling tubes,	58 00
George E. Hoyt, stoker,	25 00
Pettingell-Andrews Co., supplies,	52 81
J. B. Judkins Co., supplies,	3 85
John E. Donahue, painting,	38 04
Knight & Thomas, fire extin- guishers, etc.,	46 20
George Curtis, grate for stove,	1 40
Merrimac Plating Works, supplies,	1 75
C. O. Libby, stock and labor,	8 90
A. O. Nicol, horses to fires,	7 50
American LaFrance Engine Co., spanners,	2 00
H. O. Smith, one dozen B. Cartridges,	50
C. L. Waterhouse, horses to fires,	5 00
Perry Marshall, grinding axes,	1 00
F. C. Williams, stock and labor,	1 25
Jonah & George, supplies,	50
William Casazza, watching fire,	2 50
Aaron Hume, watching fire,	2 50
John E. Currier, paint,	31 66
G. G. Davis, team,	3 50
Harold Lucy, labor,	75
Warren T. Woodburn, labor,	50
Zenas Lovell & Co., supplies,	2 87
School Dept., stove,	7 00

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Herman O. Smith, cartridges,	50	
James L. Howe, supplies,	6 54	
Preble Bros., supplies,	1 80	
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	\$ 669 09	
		\$ 1,404 51

FOREST WARDEN.

Appropriation,	\$ 150 00	
Reimbursed by State,	75 00	
Reimbursed by R. J. Eaton,	2 50	
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	\$ 227 50	
Unexpended,	11 05	
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	\$ 216 45	

Expended as follows,

Roswell J. Eaton, pay roll,	\$ 4 25	
Edgar P. Sargent, pay roll,	11 65	
James P. Flynn, pay roll,	39 38	
Sargent Coal Co., horses,	7 50	
Knight & Thomas, fire extin-		
guishers,	150 67	
I. B. Little, team at fire,	3 00	
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	\$ 216 45	

TREE WARDEN.

Appropriation,	\$ 200 00	
Unexpended,	3 47	
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	\$ 196 53	

Expended as follows,

Charles R. Ford, labor,	\$	49 28
Will Kelly, labor,		4 80
Forrest Kennett, labor,		2 00
Edward Howieson, labor,		47 00
John Parker, labor,		22 00
Arthur Lucy, labor,		19 20
Maynard Kennett, labor,		19 00
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	\$	163 28

Miscellaneous Bills.

John Parker, horse hire,	\$	10 50
Charles R. Ford, horse hire,		19 00
American Express Co., expressage,		50
F. C. Williams, stock and labor,		3 25
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	\$	33 25

\$ 196 53

GYPSY AND BROWN TAIL MOTH.

Appropriation,	\$	528 79
Private work assessed,		287 86
From Charles R. Ford,		6 13
Received and due from State,		1,039 89
Received on account of State high- way work,		54 96
Expended on account of 1913 ap- propriation,		248 62
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	\$	2,166 25
Less amount expended in Dec. 1911 on 1912 appropriation,		188 00
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	\$	1,978 25

Expended as follows,

Pay Roll.

Charles R. Ford, labor,	\$ 548 80
Perry Marshall, labor,	106 30
Will C. Kelly, labor,	166 20
Forrest Kennett, labor,	162 25
Chester A. Carter, labor,	52 00
Benjamin F. Carter, labor,	12 00
Herbert F. Bailey, labor,	53 00
Edward A. Howieson, labor,	384 00
William Currier, labor,	2 00
Leon Brown, labor,	12 00
John Parker, labor,	134 00
James Stewart, labor,	2 00
Maurice Kelly, labor,	2 00
Wilbur Colby, labor,	12 00
Frank Parker, labor,	1 00
Arthur Lucy, labor,	16 80
Maynard Kennett, labor,	108 68
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	\$ 1,775 03

Miscellaneous Bills.

Charles R. Ford, horse hire,	\$ 144 50
John E. Currier, rent,	36 00
John Parker, horse hire,	6 50
A. W. Brownell, notices,	5 50
American Express Co., expressage,	1 10
James W. Bailey, sending notices,	4 00
George E. Ricker, envelopes,	5 62
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	\$ 203 22

\$ 1,978 25

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Appropriation,	\$	50 00
Received for fees,		18 91
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	\$	68 91
Unexpended,		24 56
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	\$	44 35
Expended as follows,		
Henry C. Manning, labor,	\$	25 46
W. & L. E. Gurley, supplies,		8 25
Boston Nickel Plating Co., plating		
and repairing,		9 14
G. G. Davis, use of team,		1 00
F. C. Williams, stock and labor,		50
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	\$	44 35

BONDING TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation,	\$	110 00
Frank N. Rand, bonds,	\$	105 00
Clifton B. Heath, bond,		5 00
	—————\$	110 00

ASSESSORS.

Appropriation,	\$	150	00
Assessors of Merrimac,	\$	150	00
		<u>150</u>	00
			\$ 150 00

INSURANCE.

Appropriation,	\$	106 62
Unexpended,		7 97
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	\$	98 65

Expended as follows,		
Clifton B. Heath. insurance,	\$	98 65
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STATE TAX.

Willis H. Scott,	\$	2,187 50
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STATE HIGHWAY TAX.

Willis H. Scott,	\$	111 50
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COUNTY TAX.

Willis H. Scott,	\$	1,789 96
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NATIONAL BANK TAX.

Willis H. Scott,	\$	1,858 99
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MEMORIAL DAY.

John E. Bean, Q. M.	\$	75 00	
		—————	\$ 75 00

DEPRECIATION FUND.

Willis H. Scott,	\$	765 89	
		—————	\$ 765 89

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Willis H. Scott,	\$	300 00	
		—————	\$ 300 00

STATE AID.

Willis H. Scott,	\$	1,108 00	
		—————	\$ 1,108 00

Due from the State as provided by Section 14, Chapter
468, Acts of 1909, \$1,108.00.

NOTES.

Willis H. Scott,	\$	11,600 00	
Director of the Bureau of Statis-			
tics, certifying,		3 00	
		—————	\$ 11,603 00

STATISTICS FROM VALUATION BOOK.

Total value of assessed estate,	\$1,339,714 00
Valuation of real estate,	1,060,981 00
Valuation of personal estate,	278,733 00
Valuation of resident bank stock,	41,760 00
Tax on resident bank stock,	1,002 24
Valuation of non-resident bank stock,	78,240 00
Tax on non-resident bank stock,	1,877 76
Number of persons assessed,	1,222
Number of persons assessed on property,	890
Number of persons assessed on poll tax only,	332
Number of polls assessed,	625
Number of polls exempt,	48
Tax on polls,	1,250 00
Number of dwelling houses,	536
Number of horses,	166
Number of cows,	209
Number of sheep,	37
Number of neat cattle other than cows,	54
Number of swine,	36
Rate of taxation per thousand,	24 00
State tax,	2,187 50
County tax,	1,789 96
State highway tax,	111 50

RECAPITULATION.

Department.	Appropriated and Assessed	Rec. & Due from all Sources	Total Revenue	Expended	Unexpended	Over-drawn
School General	\$ 9,025.00	\$ 1,811.31	\$10,836.31	\$10,820.67	\$ 15.64	\$ 369.90
Transportation	100.00	74.00	174.00	543.90		642.10
Supt.	1,900.00	411.34	2,311.34	2,953.44		4.51
Soldiers' Relief	1,400.00		1,400.00	1,404.51		
Support of Poor	150.00	77.50	227.50	216.45	11.05	
Fire	2,300.00	368.43	2,668.43	1,517.30	1,151.13	
Forest Warden	500.00		500.00	341.29	158.71	
Highways and Bridges	200.00	151.18	351.18	347.65	3.53	
Snow and Washouts	2,295.00		2,295.00	2,342.47		47.47
Sidewalks and Crossings	75.00		75.00	75.00		
Town Officers	650.00	459.10	1,109.10	547.33	561.77	
Memorial Day	200.00		200.00	209.62		9.62
Interest	200.00		200.00	196.53	3.47	
Discount	200.00		200.00	297.80	80.62	
Tree Warden	300.00	78.42	378.42	96.04	3.96	
Public Library	100.00		100.00	833.53	252.22	
Railing	500.00	585.75	1,085.75	661.65	178.35	
Miscellaneous	200.00		840.00			
Board of Health	528.79	1,449.46	1,978.25	1,978.25		
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths						

Cemetery	100.00	36.12	136.12	99.50	36.62	
Sealer of Weights	50.00	18.91	68.91	44.35	24.56	
Water Dept. Hydrant Service	1,775.00		1,775.00	1,775.00		
Water Dept. Construction	100.00	485.36	585.36	527.34	58.02	
Water Dept. Maintenance	2,027.43	9,021.82	11,049.25	8,791.78	2,257.47	
Electric Light Dept.				11,749.43	4,735.38	
Construction and Maintenance	2,033.89	14,450.92	16,484.81	11,603.00		3.00
Notes	1,600.00	10,000.00	11,600.00	150.00		
Assessors	150.00		150.00	110.00		
Bonding Town Officers	110.00		110.00	98.65	7.97	
Insuring Town Property	106.62		106.62	162.50		12.50
Town Landings	150.00		150.00	99.30		
Reimbursement		99.30	99.30	2,187.50		
State Tax	2,187.50		2,187.50	111.50		
Highway Tax	111.50		111.50	1,789.96		
County Tax	1,789.96		1,789.96	20.43	4.57	
Oil Lamps	25.00		25.00			
Overlay	1,546.64		1,546.64		*1,546.64	
Abatements 1911	851.75		851.75		851.75	
	<u>\$35,339.08</u>	<u>\$40,218.92</u>	<u>\$75,558.00</u>	<u>\$64,703.67</u>	<u>\$11,943.43</u>	<u>\$1,089.10</u>

Deduct \$3,185.95 estimated receipts from column 1 and you will get the total tax levy of Apr. 1st. 1912.
 *Applied as required to be assessed by law.
 To prove substract the total of expended column from total revenue, and the result will be difference between the unexpended and overdrawn.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Assets.

Cash in treasurer's hands Jan. 1, 1913,	\$ 12,385 61
Uncollected taxes Jan. 1, 1913,	6,577 23
Due from the Commonwealth	
Account of poor,	96 56
Account of State Aid,	1,108 00
Account of Gypsy and B. T. Moth,	67 58
Due from the	
City of Lawrence, account of poor,	33 85
City of Haverhill, account of poor,	136 22
Abutters, sidewalks,	151 18
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	\$ 20,556 23

Liabilities.

Funded loan,	\$ 11,200 00
Estimated outstanding bills,	82 41
Light bond,	600 00
Interest Light notes,	84 00
Interest Light bonds,	140 00
Interest Water bonds,	1,400 00
Interest Funded loan,	65 34
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	\$ 13,571 75
Net worth Jan. 1, 1913,	6,984 48
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	\$ 20,556 23

The amount of Kimball Park deposit of \$1,000.00 is not included in the above assets, for the reason that it is to be applied for certain purposes only.

JAMES W. BAILEY,
JOHN K. SARGENT,
STEPHEN L. KELLY,
Selectmen of Merrimac.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Fred W. George, Collector, in account with the Town of Merrimac.

Dr.

To 1912 tax list and additions,	\$ 35,726 92
Collected since Dec. 31, 1911 report,	2,604 10
Uncollected last report,	2,439 21
Excise tax,	368 43
Interest received,	249 12
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	\$ 41,387 78

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By cash paid town treasurer,	\$ 33,802 34
Excise tax,	368 43
Discounts,	209 62
Taking of Attitash Park property for the town,	73 38
Abatements 1905,	7 32
Abatements 1906,	11 50
Abatements 1907,	7 90
Abatements 1908,	19 19
Abatements 1909,	18 43
Abatements 1910,	5 43
Abatements 1911,	50 93
Abatements 1912,	38 30
Abatements since Dec. 31,	158 25
Uncollected taxes 1911,	4 60
Uncollected taxes 1912 (resident),	2,176 29
Uncollected taxes 1912 (non-resident),	756 65

Uncollected taxes Attitash Park,	52 51
Uncollected taxes Moth-tax 1912,	25 25
Due from firemen,	102 72
Collected since Dec. 31,	3,498 74
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	\$ 41,387 78

UNCOLLECTED TAXES.

Uncollected Taxes for 1911.

	Taxes	Moth.
Roberts, Ed.,	\$ 4 60	

Uncollected Resident Taxes for 1912.

Bailey,, Franklin P.,	10 80	
Battis, George, heirs,	8 20	
Bridges, Charles S. C.,	30 80	22
Bullis, Merritt A.,	3 80	
Burke, Oran W., balance,	96	
Burke, Mary Ida, balance,	25 84	
Carpenter, William J.,	2 00	
Currier, Caroline E., heirs,	73 20	1 03
Currier, John E.,	605 60	7 04
Crockett, Ida L.,	2 40	
Dodge, Mrs. Cora E., balance,	19 26	1 88
Donahue, John E.,	24 80	
Doyle, James,	2 00	
Farrington, Orin, heirs, balance,	24 56	
Frisbee, George J., balance,	1 32	
Frisbee, Eliza E.,	10 80	
Gibson, John Elden, heirs,	28 08	
Goodwin, Hayden T.,	2 00	
Heath, Fred L.,	4 40	
Hopkins, Julia C., heirs,	4 80	
Howieson, Rufus E., balance,	8 40	2 55
Jackman, Mrs. C. L.,	25 20	

Judkins, Charles H.,	177 68	2 98
Judkins, Fred B.,	135 20	
Judkins, J. B., Co.,	662 40	
Keogh, John C.,	2 00	
Kinsman, Alfred O.,	65 00	1 50
Lowry, Philip L.,	66 20	
McArthur, George S.,	2 00	
Nicol, Andrew O.,	19 16	
Patten, Jonathan and Eustis,	7 20	19
Sargent, Moses, heirs, balance,	19 60	64
Tuckwell, Charles H.,	3 56	
Sayre, Ida L., balance,	78 97	

Uncollected Non-resident Taxes for 1912.

Carroll, William A.,	192 00	
Foss, L. D.,	5 04	
Greeley, Mrs. Michael,	3 00	
Goodwin, Walter E.,	6 00	
Grimm, Sara A.,	26 40	
Hoyt, Frank P.,	72	
Lake Attitash Ice and Trans. Co.,	85 32	6 57
Muldoon, Mrs. John E.,	13 20	
McGregor, Ora A., balance,	47 00	
Nichols, William, heirs,	65 88	
Randall, Charles E.,	12 00	
Rawson, W. W., heirs,	177 15	
Snow, E. L., balance,	122 94	65

Late Assessment.

Gleason, Charles A., Ex. Nellie Blodgett	
Est., balance,	18 10

FRED W. GEORGE,
Collector.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Willis H. Scott, Treasurer, in account with the Town
of Merrimac.

Revenue Received.

Selectmen's Department.

F. W. George, collector of taxes,	\$ 33,802 34
F. W. George, excise tax,	368 43
Sargent hall,	43 25
First National Bank rent,	300 00
Note anticipation of taxes,	9,872 67
State treasurer account, moths,	1,362 69
C. R. Ford account, moths,	6 13
State highway commission account, moths,	54 96
State treasurer.	
Temporary aid,	72 97
Inspector of animals,	25 00
Fire protection,	75 00
Sick paupers,	27 08
Corporation tax, public service,	70 12
Corporation tax, business,	1,494 27
National Bank tax,	142 23
Military Aid,	42 00
State Aid,	1,096 00
Burial of soldiers,	74 00
Street railway tax,	3 37
City of Haverhill poor dept.,	152 50
Lawrence poor dept.,	120 03
Boston poor dept.,	22 85
Street Railway Co., highway dept.,	13 30

First National Bank, interest on deposit,	209 98
Sargent Coal Co., sale of wood,	36 12
Sale of schoolhouse,	162 50
Selectmen refund,	2 50
Court fees,	30 00
Junk license,	25 00
Sale of Pound lot,	55 00
F. E. Sweetsir, poor dept.,	25 00
Tax sale,	100 58
H. C. Manning, sealer's fees,	18 91
	<hr/> \$ 49,906 78

School Department.

School committee, refund,	\$ 11 80
County of Essex, dog tax,	155 76
Town of Salisbury, tuition,	40 00
State treasurer, tuition,	173 00
School committee, tuition,	19 00
Sale of hay,	2 00
Sale of stove,	7 00
State treasurer account, supt.,	458 33
	<hr/> \$ 866 89

Light Department.

W. H. Scott, collector,	\$ 8,382 65
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Water Department.

W. H. Scott, collector,	\$ 5,446 34
	<hr/> \$ 5,446 34

Total revenue,	\$ 64,602 66
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1912,	12,152 76
	<hr/> \$ 76,755 42

Non-Revenue.

Light dept. settlement order,	\$ 1,260 13	
Water dept. settlement order,	964 74	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,224 87
Total,		<hr/> \$ 78,980 29

Expended.

Selectmen's orders.

State tax,	\$ 2,187 50	
County tax,	1,789 96	
National Bank tax,	1,858 99	
Highway tax,	111 50	
State Aid,	1,108 00	
Notes and interest,	12,020 00	
Miscellaneous bills paid,	15,565 10	
	<hr/>	\$ 34,641 05

School Department.

Miscellaneous bills paid,	\$ 9,516 85	
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Light Department.

Miscellaneous bills paid,	\$ 9,225 26	
Bonds, notes and interest,	1,580 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 10,805 26

Water Department.

Miscellaneous bills paid,	\$ 2,966 65	
Bonds and interest,	6,440 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 9,406 65

Light Department.

Settlement order,	\$ 964 74	
	<hr/>	\$ 964 74

Water Department.

Settlement order,	\$ 1,260 13	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,260 13
Total,		\$ 66,594 68
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1913,		12,385 61
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		\$ 78,980 29

MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL FUND.

Balance Jan. 1, 1912,	\$ 47 12	
Received from State,	907 10	
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	\$ 954 22	

Expended.

School committee's orders,	\$ 954 22	
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MERRIMAC PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Balance Jan. 1, 1912,	\$ 54 00	
Appropriation,	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 354 00

Expended.

Trustee's bills paid,	\$ 297 80	
Balance,	56 20	
	<hr/>	\$ 354 00

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS.

Eliza M. Sawyer fund,	\$ 114 00	
Interest unexpended,	19	
Emily S. Godwin fund,	250 00	
Interest unexpended,	55 40	
John L. and Sophia Merrill fund,	200 00	
Interest unexpended,	12 35	
M. E. Sargent fund,	100 00	

Interest unexpended,	10 13
Moses Goodrich fund,	100 00
Interest unexpended,	54
W. A. Paine fund,	50 00
J. E. Prescott fund,	125 00
Interest unexpended,	2 49
Rhoda S. Poore fund, "D. J. Poor,"	300 00
Interest unexpended,	15 31
Rhoda S. Poore fund, "F. Sargent,"	200 00
Interest unexpended,	4 66
Otis W. Little fund,	200 00
Susan G. Sargent fund,	75 00
Interest unexpended,	1 80
Marietta B. Sargent fund,	250 00
Interest unexpended,	15 71
Caroline S. Noyes fund,	100 00
Interest unexpended,	1 91
Adeline Whittier fund,	100 00
Interest unexpended,	2 63
J. Warren Sargent fund,	100 00
Interest unexpended,	72
Ruth C. Rowell fund,	200 00
Interest unexpended,	9 53
Sarah A. Pattee fund, "Locust Grove,"	175 00
Interest unexpended,	7 26
Sarah A. Pattee fund, "Church Street,"	125 00
Interest unexpended,	10
Mabel Jones Shepardson fund,	100 00
Interest unexpended,	79
Mrs. Gilman S. Hoyt fund,	100 00
Interest unexpended,	69
Etta Colby fund,	100 00
Phineas Chase fund,	100 00
Interest unexpended,	1 54

Henry E. Crosby fund,	50 00
Interest unexpended,	2 90
Charles A. Bridges fund,	100 00
Interest unexpended,	1 06
I. B. Little fund,	337 87
Interest unexpended,	15 34
John Bancroft fund,	50 00
Interest unexpended,	91
Aaron Bancroft fund,	50 00
Thomas D. Nelson fund,	150 00
Interest unexpended,	13 56
Linda Little fund,	150 00

Kimball Park Fund.

Judith W. Kimball fund,	\$ 1,000 00
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Public Library Funds.

A. E. Goodwin fund,	\$ 200 00
Interest unexpended,	95 46
James Whittier fund,	400 00
Interest unexpended,	40 80

The town debt is made up as follows:

Water bonds at 4 per cent,	\$ 70,000 00
Maturing \$3500.00 yearly, July 15,	
1913 to July 15, 1932 inclusive.	
Electric light bonds at 4 per cent,	7,000 00
Maturing \$500.00 yearly, July 15,	
1913 to July 15, 1926 inclusive.	
Electric light notes at 4 per cent,	4,200 00
Maturing \$600.00 yearly, Jan. 5,	
1913 to Jan. 5, 1919 inclusive.	
Funding notes at 3½ per cent,	11,200 00
Maturing \$1600.00 yearly, May 1,	

1913 to May 1, 1919 inclusive.

Interest.

Interest paid on funding and anti-	
cipation of tax notes,	\$ 547 33
Interest received on deposit,	209 98
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Balance,	\$ 337 35

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIS H. SCOTT, Treasurer.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

Births.

Number of births returned,	39
Males,	16
Females,	23
Father native born,	24
Mother native born,	31
Father and mother both native born,	24
Father and mother both foreign born,	8

Marriages.

Number of marriages recorded,	22
First marriage of groom,	20
First marriage of bride,	18
Grooms native born,	17
Brides native born,	21
Average age of groom,	28 years
Average age of bride,	24 years, 6 months

Deaths.

Number of deaths recorded,	36
Males,	19
Females,	17
Under five years,	3
Males native born,	14
Males foreign born,	5
Females native born,	16
Females foreign born,	1
Of native parentage,	27
Of foreign parentage,	8

Of mixed parentage,	1
Average age,	54 years 5 months 7 days
Oldest person,	88 years 5 months 29 days

Dogs.

Number of dogs licensed,	86
Males,	77
Females,	9

CLIFTON B. HEATH,
Town Clerk.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Engineers' Report.

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—Another year has passed and the town has escaped serious fires.

The number of alarms has been very few, averaging less than one a month.

Ten for the year Jan. 1, 1912 to Jan. 1, 1913, with a total loss of less than \$7500.00.

Jan. 9.—Alarm at 5.45 a. m. tenement house on Green street owned by Minnie F. Welch of Haverhill; occupied by Angus Joudry. Roof burned off, damage inside smoke and water. Loss on building \$450, insured; contents \$150, no insurance.

Feb. 22.—Alarm at 8 o'clock, chimney fire. House occupied by John W. Currier at the Port.

March 30.—False alarm at 1.15 p. m.

April 7.—Brush fire rear of Edward Morse house at Bear Hill.

May 15.—Alarm at 3.30 p. m., slight blaze on roof of G. G. Davis barn.

May 18.—False alarm inadvertently rung in by members of department while in battery room; and the town to be reimbursed for expense of same (\$7.50) on first of May next.

June 13.—Alarm at 2 p. m., for fire at the house of Orrin Burke at Bear Hill. Roof destroyed. Damage to building \$400, insured; contents \$50, insured.

July 12.—Alarm from box 12 at 9.10 p. m., for fire in store of Frank Piquette on School street. Building owned

by Provident Institution for Savings of Amesbury. Loss on building, \$518.20, insured; loss on contents \$1002.27, insured.

Aug. 5.—Alarm at 2.50 a. m., for fire in foundry of P. L. Lowry, corner of Main St. and Birch Meadow road. This was a light frame structure and was practically destroyed before the department arrived. The loss on the building and contents was inventoried by Mr. Lowry to be about \$4300, protected by a policy of \$4200. The matter of insurance, however, has not been satisfactorily settled and remains unpaid.

Aug. 22.—Alarm at 10.20 p. m., for fire in building on School street, occupied by Louis Kaplan. The fire was discovered before it had attained much headway and extinguished without much fire damage, principle loss being smoke and water. Loss to building \$300, insured; contents \$75, insured.

This fire and that of July 12 was attended by very suspicious circumstances, so that the engineers asked the district police for an investigation on each occasion. These investigations were conducted by State Officer Flynn. The result of the first, was a verdict of unknown origin, possibly rats and matches. On the second case the discovery of quantities of oil soaked rags partially burned, in the passage where the fire started, showed this was undoubtedly of incendiary origin. In view of these circumstances, Mr. Flynn reopened the previous case and discovered further evidence which he felt justified in changing that finding to one of incendiarism. While this fact seems clearly established, nothing in the investigation or examination by Mr. Flynn, which was very thorough, connected the owner or tenants in any way with the case. We understand this finding was forwarded to headquarters with a request for an inquest, but none has been held.

During the past year we have added to our equipment two Underwriters extinguishers. We have also re-

Painted the Central Station which, with some much needed repairs at the Port Station, has used the small surplus of our appropriation remaining over actual running expenses. With these extras, we have been unable to purchase new hose and we believe an appropriation of \$100 should be made for this purpose the ensuing year, as hose we must have and much of that on hand is too old to be safe.

We believe careful study of our financial report will convince all that we have purchased only what was necessary, and we request that the appropriation be made \$1500 for the good of the department and best interests of the town.

W. S. TUCKWILL,

C. O. LIBBY,

ANGUS McINNIS,

Engineers of Merrimac.

REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit the annual report of the Police Department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1912.

Number of arrests, 17

Charged as follows :

Drunk,	8
Assault,	2
Desertion,	1
Non-support,	1
Disturbance on electric cars,	3
Default,	1
Larceny,	1

Disposed of as follows :

One larceny case, discharged.

One assault case, discharged.

One assault case, guilty case, placed on file.

One drunk case, probation for three months.

One drunk case, fined \$5.

Two drunks and two disturbances on electric cars, fined \$10 each.

One disturbance on electric car, fined \$5.

Two drunk cases, continued from Nov. 9 to Nov. 11, defaulted.

One drunk case, discharged.

Two drunk cases, sentenced to 30 days, cases appealed.

One desertion case, ordered to pay \$4 weekly to his family.

One non-support case, handed over to Beverly officer.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. MINAHAN,

Chief of Police.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Merrimac, Mass., Dec. 31, 1912.

To the Board of Selectmen:

The following is a report of Sealer of Weights and Measures.

	Adju'd	S'l'd	Con'd
Platform scales over 5000 lbs. capacity,		3	
Platform scales under 5000 lbs. capacity, 3		15	
Computing scales,		6	
All other scales,	4	20	1
Weights,	5	140	
Liquid measures,		30	2
Linear measures,		4	
Oil and molasses pumps,	1	4	
	13	222	3
Test weighings made in stores,			8
Inspections of milk wagons,			5
Inspections of junk and peddlar's wagons,			3

Fees collected and paid treasurer, \$18.91.

HENRY C. MANNING, Sealer.

SARGENT HALL REPORT.

Board of selectmen:

Gentlemen:—Sargent Hall has been opened 39 times.

Number of paid openings,		19
Number of free openings,		20
Received for rent of hall,	\$ 120 50	
Paid for janitor's service,	77 25	
	—————\$	43 25
Paid town treasurer,	\$	43 25

H. C. MANNING, Janitor.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac :

Your trustees beg to submit their thirty-seventh annual report. The work of the library for this year has been very unsatisfactory to your trustees for the reason that the annual appropriation for library purposes was reduced to an amount that is entirely too small to carry on the work of the library in any satisfactory manner. With the funds at our disposal we have been able to keep the library open the usual number of times, to buy a few magazines, rebind a few books, where it was absolutely necessary, heat the rooms, and pay the minor items of expense for supplies, printing etc., but have not been able to buy any new books. The fact that no new books have been added to the library during the year has caused very much complaint from the library patrons who do not seem to realize that money is required to buy books, and if there is no money there must be no books. Your trustees feel that, in order to carry on the work of the library successfully, and to maintain the interest of the people in the library, additions of new books must be made from time to time, and they also feel that \$400 is the minimum amount required to maintain the efficiency of the library in a fairly satisfactory manner, they would therefore earnestly ask that \$400 be appropriated this year for library purposes.

The only books added during the year as follows : Standard Dictionary of Facts, Congressional Record Vols. 43 and 44, Mass. Digest and Manual of the General Court for 1912, and one book contributed by each of the

following: Francis Blake, Henry I. Sheldon, L. M. Zimmerman and the G. A. R.

The monthly circulation of books has been as follows:

February,	710
March,	734
April,	617
May,	607
June,	511
July,	418
August,	429
September,	439
October,	477
November,	631
December,	435
January,	672

A total of 6680 volumes, nearly 1000 volumes less than last year, showing a decreased interest in the library.

Financial Statement.

Balance from last year,	\$	54 00	
Town appropriation,		300 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 354 00

Payments.

Librarian's salary,	\$	200 00	
Light bulbs,		1 60	
Heating rooms,		25 00	
Printing,		4 50	
Express and postage,		2 05	
One book purchased,		6 75	
Binding books and magazines,		28 60	
Magazines,		28 85	
Ink,		45	
Reserved for librarian's salary due			
March 1,		50 00	
Balance on hand,		6 20	
		<hr/>	\$ 354 00

Schedule of property of the library from which income is derived:

A. E. Goodwin fund with interest
to Oct., 1912, \$295 46

James Whittier fund with interest
to Oct., 1912, 440 80

Since the books were closed, and the above report made up the following amounts have been received from the librarian:

For fines,	\$	24	14	
For catalogues,		1	15	
For cards,			65	
		<hr/>		\$ 25 94
Paid expense items,				1 52
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				\$ 24 42

These items will appear on the report for next year.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. HOYT,

J. F. PEASE,

C. W. CUTTS,

B. F. SMITH,

C. W. SAWYER,

W. B. SARGENT,

Trustees.

W. B. SARGENT,

Secretary.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF KIMBALL PARK.

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

We submit herewith our fourth annual report. It gives us pleasure to state that the Park is now practically complete.

During the past year Mr. Spinney planted new shrubs to replace those that died during the very dry summer of the year previous and if those newly planted shrubs survive the winter, we shall be called upon to pay the balance of his bill, which is \$78.14. We propose to give some form of entertainment to raise money for this purpose and hope for the generous patronage of the citizens. If any one interested in the Park would like to contribute toward the payment of the above mentioned bill, it will be very gratefully accepted.

Receipts.

Balance on hand per last report,	\$	3	14
Received interest on fund,		40	00
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	\$	43	14

Payments.

J. Stewart, care of grounds,	\$	34	60
I. B. Little Co., supplies,		90	
Richard Sargent, sundries,		1	25
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	\$	36	75
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Balance on hand,	\$	6	39

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER L. CHALONER,
FREDERICK C. GRANT,
R. A. SARGENT,

Trustees.

LANDING PLACES.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Essex, ss.

Court of County Commissioners.

October term, A. D. 1912, held by adjournment at Salem.

On the petition of Richard A. Sargent and others, freeholders within the County of Essex, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, representing that the exact location of the common landing places known as Clapboard Landing, Cottle's Landing, and Duck Hole Landing, located in the town of Merrimac in said County cannot be readily ascertained, and praying the County Commissioners for said County to ascertain the correct location of such landing places and to erect the necessary bounds thereof as is provided in Section 102, Chapter 48 of the Revised Laws.

This petition was entered at the July term, A. D. 1912, when notice was ordered given to all persons and corporations interested therein of the time and place when and where the Commissioners would meet for the purpose of viewing the premises and hearing the parties, as by their order of notice on file and of record will more fully appear.

It having been made to appear that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of the time and place of meeting, we, the County Commissioners for said County did on the 27th day of August A. D. 1912 meet at the Town Hall in said town of Merrimac when and where the parties appeared, and no person appeared to object. And having viewed the premises and having heard all parties who desired to be heard, we do find and adjudge that a common landing place known as

Cottle's Landing exists on the bank of the Merrimac River near the foot of Locust street and the boundaries thereof are described as follows:

Westerly Boundry.

Beginning at the northwest corner of said landing at center of a stone bound which point is 92.86 ft. southeasterly from the southwesterly corner of the house of Marian L. Wood (known as the Moses Clement house,) and 77.85 ft. southerly from the southeasterly corner of said house, thence south 8 degrees 26 minutes east (magnetic 1910) 55.88 ft. to the corner of a stone bound, then continuing on the same course to the Merrimac river.

Northerly Boundary.

Beginning at the center of said stone bound at the northwesterly corner of said landing, thence north 65 degrees 26 minutes east, 75.4 ft. to the center of a stone bound, thence north 68 degrees east, 327.29 ft. to the center of a stone bound at the northeast corner of said landing, which point is 11.2 ft. westerly from the northwest corner of the house formerly of Catherine Hagerty and 26.58 ft. northwesterly from the southwest corner of said house.

Easterly Boundary.

Beginning at center of said stone bound at northeast corner of said landing, thence south 21 degrees 15 minutes east, 80.05 ft. to the center of a stone bound, thence continuing on the same course to the Merrimac River.

Bounded southerly on the Merrimac River.

And we do further find and adjudge that a landing place exists on the bank of the Merrimac River, known as the Duck Hole Landing, and the boundaries thereof are described as follows:

Northerly Boundary.

Beginning at the northerly corner thereof at center of a stone bound which point is 52.88 ft. southerly from the northwest corner of house of Maude H. Rose and 27.2 ft. southerly from the southwest corner of said house, thence south 51 degrees east, (magnetic 1910), 144.0 ft. to the center of a stone bound, thence continuing on same course to Merrimac River.

Westerly Boundary.

Beginning at center of said stone bound at northerly corner of said landing, thence south 9 degrees 13 minutes east, 287.6 ft. to the center of a stone bound at the southwest corner of said landing.

Southerly Boundary.

Beginning at center of the stone bound at southwest corner of said landing, thence north 86 degrees 28 minutes east, 63.05 ft. to the center of a stone bound, thence continuing on the same course to the Merrimac River.

Bounded easterly on Merrimac River.

And the bounds of said buildings are more fully shown on two plans drawn by John P. Titcomb, Civil Engineer, which plans are filed herewith and deposited in the office of the County Engineer and bear the record numbers as follows: Cottle's Landing 2101, Duck Hole Landing No. 2102. And the said plans are made a part of this decree and reference may be had to them for a more particular description. And we have caused stone bounds to be erected at the points where indicated in the above descriptions. And this petition in so far as the same relates to Clapboard Landing is left open for further action.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF we, the said County Commissioners have hereunto set our hands this 12th day

of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

MOODY KIMBALL,
JAMES C. POOR,
J. M. GROSVENOR,
County Commissioners.

A true Copy, Attest,

JAMES P. HALE, Asst. Clerk.

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES.

CHURCH ST. AND LOWER CORNER CEMETERIES.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

MEMORANDUM.

To cash received for wood,	\$ 36 12
To cash received for hay 1911 and 1912,	10 50
To cash received from B. & M. R. R.	28 50
To cash received from town,	28 50
Appropriation,	100 00
	—————\$ 203 62

Cr.

Trustee expense bill 1911,	\$ 9 00
W. S. Pattee, chopping wood and haying and rebuilding wall,	46 00
Chas. Jackman, labor,	6 00
George T. Putnam, labor,	6 00
Arthur Stewart, labor,	4 00
C. C. Witham, building and paint- ing fence,	57 00
Chas. A. Miles, setting up grave stones,	2 00
W. M. Foster, labor,	1 00
W. S. Pattee, labor,	1 00
Labor and stock, loam, seed, dress- ing, leveling and resowing ground near entrance Church street,	5 00

Trustee expense bill for oversight, clerical work, permits allowed and copying also general clean- ing up for winter,	12 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 149 00

Error on taxes charged by town on
land bought, \$3.60 included
in above charge.

Dr.	\$ 203 62
Cr.	149 00

Unexpended,	\$ 54 62
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Respectfully, submitted,
GEO. G. LARKIN, Supt.
CHAS. E. ROWELL, Clerk.
Trustees.

LOCUST GROVE CEMETERY.

Dr.

By bal. on hand as per last report, \$	32 69	
Cash, miscellaneous acct.,	3 25	
Sale of lots April to August,	150 00	
Sale of lots August to November,	102 00	
Sale of lots November to January,	85 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 372 94

Cr.

Cash Paid.	
G. G. Davis,	\$ 12 50
O. F. Bennett,	75
I. B. Little Co.,	1 95
T. Troughton,	1 25
Willis M. Foster,	5 00

Ralph Sargent, stone bounds,	3 00
W. S. Pattee,	59 60
Trustees expense bill,	26 50
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	\$ 110 54

Deposit Merrimac Savings Bank	
Oct. 14,	\$ 100 00
Deposit Merrimac Savings Bank	
Jan. 31,	100 00
Deposit in First National Bank,	62 40
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	\$ 372 94
Contingent fund in Merrimac Sav-	
ings Bank,	\$ 471 05

Respectfully submitted,
 GEO. G. LARKIN, Supt.,
 CHAS. E. ROWELL, Clerk.
 Trustees.

PERPETUAL CARE OF LOTS.

CHURCH ST. AND LOWER CORNER CEMETERIES.

Donators.

1. T. C. Sawyer lot Eliza M. Sawyer, ex-	
pense for care by trustees,	\$ 4 75
2. J. L. and Sophia Merrill, expense for care	
by trustees,	4 00
3. Moses Goodrich, (Mrs. Thos. Poyen,) ex-	
pended for care,	3 50
4. Mrs. Frederick Sargent (Rhoda S. Poore)	
expended for care,	4 50

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| 5. | Edmund N. Sargent, (Susan G. Sargent),
expended for care, | 3 00 |
| 6. | Joshua and W. P. Colby, (Abbie Colby),
expended for care | 4 00 |
| 7. | Somerby Noyes, (Mrs. Caroline S. Noyes),
Leonard Hoyt lot, expended for
care, | 3 50 |
| 8. | Job Hoyt lot, (Mrs. Gilman S. Hoyt),
expended for care, | 3 25 |
| 9. | Etta H. Colby and Amos Colby, (Etta
H. Colby), expended for care, | 4 04 |
| 10. | J. Warren Sargent, (J. W. S.), ex-
pended for care, | 3 50 |
| 11. | Jacob Rowell and Chas. Day, (Ruth
C. Rowell), expended for care, | 3 75 |
| 12. | Wm. Gunnison, (Sarah A. Pattee), ex-
pense for care, | 6 20 |
| 13. | Capt. Aaron Bancroft, (Aaron Ban-
croft), expended for care, | 2 66 |
| 14. | John Bancroft, (Aaron Bancroft), ex-
pended for care, | 2 00 |
| 15. | Isaac Jones, (Mabel Jones Shepardson),
expended for care, | 3 25 |

LOWER CORNER CEMETERY.

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| 16. | Patten Sargent, (Emily S. Goodwin), ex-
pended for care, | 7 20 |
| 17. | Jonathan Sargent, (Mary E. Sargent),
expended for care, | 6 90 |

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| 18. | Isaac Whittier, (Adalaid Whittier), ex-
pended for care, | 2 85 |
| 19. | Henry Sargent, (W. A. Paine), ex-
pended for care, | 2 02 |

LOCUST GROVE CEMETERY.

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| 20. | J. E. Prescott, (Geo. Batchelder), ex-
pended for care, | 2 85 |
| 21. | D. J. Poore, (Rhoda S. Poore), expended
for care, | 3 75 |
| 22. | O. W. Little, (Mary A. Little), expended
for care, | 8 10 |
| 23. | I. B. Little, (By own will), expended
for care, | 5 00 |
| 24. | Dr. A. F. Pattee, (Sarah A. Pattee), double
lot, Bailey Sargent, expended for
care | 2 25 |
| 25. | T. D. Nelson, (Accumulating), expended
for care, (personally paid). | |
| 26. | J. H. Little and Fred A. Loud, (Linda
A. Little), expended for care, | 6 06 |
| 27. | Henry C. Crosby, (Accumulating), ex-
pended for care, (personally paid). | |
| 28. | Phineas Chase, (By own will), expended
for care, | 2 50 |
| 29. | Charles A. Bridges, (Mrs. C. A. Bridges),
expended for care, | 2 98 |

PERPETUAL CARE OF LOTS.

Under Massachusetts Laws, Revised Statutes, 1902, Chap. 78, Sec. 24 of Cemeteries and Burials.

A town in which Cemetery Commissioners or Trustees are chosen may receive gifts or bequests for maintaining cemeteries or cemetery lots, which shall be paid into the town treasury of said town and with the accounts thereof, shall be kept separate from the other money and accounts of said town; the town treasurer shall invest all such funds in accordance with the stipulations, if any accompany them; otherwise he shall invest them as ordered by the Selectmen and Commissioners or Trustees, and pay the income therefrom upon their order, or with their approval.

The income only can be used under this law.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

To the citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

Gentlemen:—I take pleasure in submitting my first annual report as auditor of the Town of Merrimac for the year ending Dec. 31, 1912.

I have made a careful audit of the books and accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector Taxes, School Committee, Water and Light Departments and find them to be well and correctly kept.

Statement of orders drawn by the several departments and the same as paid by the Town Treasurer follows:

Selectmen's dept.,	\$ 34,437 58
Water dept.,	10,666 78
Light dept.,	11,770 00
School dept.,	9,516 85
1911 orders outstanding as paid	
1912,	426 72
	<hr/> \$ 66,817 93

The treasurer has paid during
1912 in orders,

Selectmen's dept.,	\$ 34,641 05
Water dept.,	10,666 78
Light dept.,	11,770 00
School dept.,	9,516 85
Outstanding orders 1912,	223 25
	<hr/> \$ 66,817 93

Selectmen's dept., No. 1709,	\$	50
No. 1897,		2 02
No. 1853,		35 69
No. 1864,		20 83
No. 1873,		4 17
No. 1876,		2 00
No. 1883,		11 00
No. 1883,		32 00
No. 1884,		22 50
No. 1885,		20 83
No. 1886,		3 95
No. 1889,		50 76
No. 1890,		8 00
No. 1891,		9 00
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		\$ 223 25

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. WHITTING.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD.

The Municipal Light Board herein submit their ninth annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1912.

Additions to the plant for the year have been 12 lighting services and one power service, and there are in use 100 lighting services exclusive of town buildings and eight power services.

K. W. H. delivered at the switchboard power 135,999, commercial lights 47,195, street lights 36,295, total 219,389.

In compliance with the law the manager has furnished the Board with the following estimates of income and expense for the ensuing year.

Estimated Expense.

Gross expense of operation, main-	
tenance and repairs,	\$ 6,521 64
Interest,	414 00
Depreciation,	793 57
Note payments,	600 00
Bond payments,	500 00
Loss preceding year,	28 54
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	\$ 8,857 75

Income.

From private consumers,	\$ 7,450 00
From appropriation for maintenance,	1,407 75
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	\$ 8,857 75

The sum of \$1,407 75 is the amount to be included by the town in the annual appropriation and in the tax levy.

CONSTRUCTION.

Street Lines.

Pettingell Andrews Co., supplies,	\$	481	35	
A. McInnis, freight and trucking,		15	08	
American Express Co., expressage,		75		
I. B. Little Co., supplies,		96		
James Dickens, supplies,		7	43	
B. & M. R. R., freight,		16	11	
J. E. Currier, poles,		21	00	
Water Dept., team and labor,		145	74	
				—————\$ 688 42

Transformers.

Westinghouse E. & M. Co., trans-				
formers,	\$	111	96	
A. McInnis, freight and trucking,		3	98	
Water Dept., team and labor,		5	00	
				—————\$ 120 94

Meters.

Westinghouse E. & M. Co., meters,	\$	107	07	
American Express Co., expressage,		2	75	
A. McInnis, trucking,		75		
Water Dept., team and labor,		2	50	
				—————\$ 113 07

MAINTENANCE.

Fuel.

Atkinson Coal Co., fuel,	\$	4,788	93	
Sargent Coal Co., fuel and teaming,		716	81	
W. A. Jepson, fuel,		48	83	
Water Dept., freight,		85	93	
				—————\$ 5,640 50

MAINTENANCE.

Oil and Waste.

Water Dept., oil and waste,	\$	181 16	
		—————	\$ 181 16

Wages at Station.

W. A. Barbeau, engineer,	\$	233 14	
G. G. Hall, engineer,		491 14	
A. J. Cottam, engineer,		226 71	
W. B. Perry, helper,		477 00	
		—————	\$ 1,427 99

Repairing Steam Plant.

Water Dept., supplies,	\$	32 30	
A. McInnis, freight and trucking,		1 50	
S. E. Woodbury, stock and labor,		20 70	
		—————	\$ 54 50

Repairing Electric Plant.

Westinghouse E. & M. Co., sup- plies,	\$	20 08	
J. Dickens, supplies and labor,		37 65	
American Express Co., expressage,		2 17	
Pettingell Andrews Co., supplies,		1 20	
A. McInnis, freight and trucking,		1 44	
E. S. Lincoln, labor,		25 00	
Condit Electric Co., supplies,		7 69	
C. Dickens, labor,		3 00	
		—————	\$ 98 23

Incandescent Lamps, Etc.

Pettingell Andrews Co., lamps etc.,	\$	470 50	
A. McInnis, freight and trucking,		70	
American Express Co., expressage,		3 15	
		—————	\$ 474 35

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Pettingell Andrews Co., tools,	\$	30	30
J. L. Fales, ladder,		2	13
I. B. Little Co., tools,		2	35
		<hr/>	\$ 34 78

W. A. Bailey, manager,	\$	400	00
W. A. Bailey, commissioner,		12	50
J. L. Howe, commissioner,		12	50
W. H. Scott, commissioner,		12	50
	—————	\$	437 50

Pettingell Andrews Co., supplies,	\$	7	00
Merrimac Job Print, printing,		24	75
W. H. Scott, car fare and expense,		5	00
Water Dept., expense,		82	96
		—————\$	119 71

Water Dept., rent of station,	\$	300	00
		<u> </u>	\$ 300 00

Insurance.

Merrimac Insurance Agency, employees and public,	\$ 275 14	
	<u> </u>	\$ 275 14

Bonds, Notes and Interest,

Bond payment,	\$ 500 00	
Note payment,	600 00	
Interest payment,	480 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 1,580 00
Total,		<u>\$ 11,749 43</u>

BALANCE SHEET.

Total cash on hand Jan. 1, 1912,	\$ 4,565 10	
Received for sale of light and power,	8,058 25	
Water Dept., fuel,	1,260 13	
Miscellaneous,	31 00	
Lamp sales,	293 40	
Appropriations,	2,183 89	
Interest on depreciation fund,	93 04	
	<u> </u>	\$ 16,484 81

Expended.

For construction,	\$ 922 43	
For maintenance,	10,827 00	
Balance,	4,735 38	
	<u> </u>	\$ 16,484 81

Analysis of Cash on Hand.

Total cash on hand Jan. 1, 1913,	\$ 4,735 38	
Depreciation and interest,	2,972 86	
General cash on hand Jan. 1, 1913,	1,762 52	

COST OF CONSTRUCTION.

Steam plant,	\$ 3,985 39
Electric plant,	4,481 01
Street lines,	12,620 52
Transformers,	3,349 62
Meters,	2,015 82
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	\$ 26,452 36

Assets.

Steam plant,	\$ 3,045 59
Electric plant,	3,027 46
Street lines,	11,435 11
Transformers,	2,619 62
Meters,	1,607 48
Due for light and power,	1,240 71
Due for lamps,	44 82
Fuel on hand,	1,620 38
Lamps on hand,	179 44
Tools,	125 91
General cash,	1,762 52
Depreciation fund,	2,972 86
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	\$ 29,681 90

Liabilities.

Bonds outstanding,	\$ 7,000 00
Notes payable,	4,200 00
Appropriations for construction,	5,225 83
Appropriations for bond payments,	3,000 00
Appropriations for note payments,	679,80
Unpaid bills,	1,106 66
Balance,	8,469 61
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	\$ 29,681 90

WILLIS H. SCOTT,
 JAMES L. HOWE,
 WARREN A. BAILEY,
 Municipal Light Board.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS.

The Board of Water Commissioners herein submit their ninth annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1912.

We have added seven services during the year, making a total of 501, and there are in use 481, of the 20 services shut off there are a number of summer services in use from three months to six months each year. The receipts from water rates were \$5,324.50, an increase over last year of \$148.50. The pumping record shows 32,305,110 gallons pumped.

ESTIMATES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Expense.

Gross expense of operating plant,	\$ 5,004 26
Bond payments,	3,500 00
Interest payments,	2,730 00
Construction,	100 00
	—————\$ 11,334 26

Income.

Water rates,	\$ 5,150 00
Light Dept., rent,	300 00
Cash on hand,	2,257 47

We recommend that the town	
appropriate for water for	
municipal use,	1,775 00
For Construction,	100 00
And balance for maintenance,	1,751 79
	—————\$ 11,334 26

Repairs.

American Express Co., expressage, \$	1 25	
G. G. Davis, team,	18 00	
H. Worthington, supplies,	6 05	
C. F. Bennett, supplies,	2 71	
W. A. Bailey, supt. pay roll,	65 99	
I. B. Little Co., supplies,	49	
Keniston Engineering Co., repairs,	121 06	
N. L. Howe, stock and labor,	4 43	
W. W. Gormley, repairs,	1 00	
E. H. Alexander, supplies,	20 50	
Sargent Coal Co., supplies,	1 00	
G. P. Anderson, supplies,	24 46	
A. McInnis, freight and trucking,	2 03	
David Roy, repairs,	17 85	
J. E. Currier, supplies,	7 19	
Scannell Boiler Works, supplies,	35 40	
Crosby Steam Gage & Valve Co., repairs,	3 15	
Deane Steam Pump Co., supplies,	9 04	
D. W. Gould, supplies,	75	
F. C. Williams, repairs,	1 00	
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	\$	343 35

Salaries.

W. A. Bailey, superintendent,	\$	550 00	
W. A. Bailey, commissioner,		12 50	
J. L. Howe, commissioner,		12 50	
W. H. Scott, commissioner,		12 50	
	<hr/>	\$	587 50

Supplies to Station.

G. P. Anderson, supplies,	\$	64 54	
A. McInnis, freight and trucking,		52	
I. B. Little Co., supplies,		3 45	
American Express Co., expressage,		1 45	
Zenas Lovell & Co., supplies,		11 89	
	<hr/>	\$	81 85

Office.

G. E. Ricker, P. M., stamps and box rent,	\$	34	80
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service and rental,		53	74
Amesbury Pub. Co., printing,		5	50
G. P. Anderson, supplies,		5	00
W. A. Bailey, supt, pay roll,		2	00
I. B. Little & Co., supplies,			30
Sargent Coal Co., coal,		67	50
H. H. Story, supplies,		1	90
W. H. Scott, supplies,			50
Zenas Lovell & Co., supplies,		2	39
	—————\$	173	63

Bonds and Interest.

Bond payment,	\$	3,500	00
Interest payment,		2,940	00
	—————\$	6,440	00
Total,			\$ 10,666 78

BALANCE SHEET.

Receipts.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1912,	\$ 2,610 74
Appropriations,	3,902 43
Water rates,	5,324 50
Light Dept., rent,	300 00
Team and labor,	282 39
Supplies,	32 30
Office,	82 96
Fuel bill paid,	85 93
Oil and waste,	181 16
Laying service pipe,	51 85
Miscellaneous,	57 30
Repairing service pipe,	12 69
	<hr/> \$ 12,924 25

Expended.

For Construction,	\$ 527 34
For maintenance,	,10,139 44
Cash balance Jan. 1, 1913,	2,257 47
	<hr/> \$ 12,924 25

Dr.

To outstanding bills including in-	
terest due Jan. 15,	\$ 1,635 76

Cr.

By cash on hand,	\$ 2,257 47
By fuel on hand,	539 12
By supplies on hand,	42 40
	<hr/> \$ 2,838 99

WILLIS H. SCOTT,
 JAMES L. HOWE,
 WARREN A. BAILEY,
 Board of Water Commissioners.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
 Subject to Correction

State Board of Health
 Merrimac Water Analysis. (Parts in 100,000.) 1912

Number	DATE OF		APPEARANCE		ODOR		AMMONIA			Chlorine	Nitrogen As		Hardness	Iron	Remarks		
	Collection	Exam'tion	Turbidity	Sediment	Color	Cold	Hot	Residue on Evaporation	Free		Albu- minoid						
103822	4	Nov 1912	5	none	none	.00	none	none	8.60	.0006	.0012	.51	.0300	.0000	2.6	.0100	Wells
98459	7	Mar 1912	8	none	none	.00	none	none	5.50	.0002	.0014	.48	.0180	.0000	2.2	.0100	Wells
100655	27	June 1912	28	none	v slight	.00	none	none	7.00	.0008	.0020	.49	.0300	.0000	2.6	.0120	Wells
102238	3	Sept.	4	none	none	.00	none	none	5.60	.0004	.0014	.51	.0200	.0000	2.6	.0100	Wells

SCHOOL REPORT.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

While the committee have not always taken the same view in school matters, they on the whole worked in harmony and each has tried to do his duty as he saw it for the best interest of our schools.

It seems as though this has been an unusually hard year as so many questions of importance have had to be settled. Acting under the advice of our former Superintendent and the Board of Education, likewise the opinion of educators in general, we decided to raise the entering age to six years. This, as we planned, would only give two or three scholars for the first grade, and we could put them in with the second grade, thus saving one teacher's salary. Feeling that this change might possibly work to a disadvantage in some cases, we finally decided to make the entering age five years and six months, and raise the other six months the following year. This proved to be a mistake, for much to our surprise, it gave us a first grade of about twenty scholars, which combined with the large second grade, made a most difficult problem for any teacher. We shall have to divide these grades another year and employ another teacher.

In April, at a meeting of the joint Boards of Amesbury and Merrimac, it was voted to dissolve the union with Amesbury, that town feeling that they needed a Superintendent's entire time. By the Board of Education we were put into a union, consisting of Newbury, West

Newbury, Salisbury and Merrimac. This brought us in touch with towns nearer our own class, and we believed this would prove an advantageous union.

Mr. A. W. Small of Newburyport was elected as Superintendent of this union, Merrimac paying 7-20 of his salary, and to have 7-20 of his time. His salary was fixed at \$1700 per year. Mr. Small, who has proven himself thus far a worker, started at once to solve the problems he found in our schools, and the committee feel that he has made a marked improvement in a very short time in spite of the fact that he has been terribly handicapped by sickness among his teaching force.

The terms of a new law make it compulsory to hire all superintendents for three-year terms.

We feel that the town never had its teaching force so crippled at the beginning of any school year. Mr. Cutts, Miss Sayre and Miss Head, all of them teachers of unusual ability, who have given many years of the best part of their lives in the interest of education in this town, resigned and took up the work in other places.

To fill their places was a problem. Miss Neal, who, though only with us a short time, was doing very efficient work, also resigned. This left us with but one assistant. Miss Brown, who was familiar with the routine work in our High school.

In addition to this loss of valuable teachers, we were handicapped by a very unusual amount of sickness among the teachers. We would respectfully refer you to the reports of the Superintendent, Supervisor, Principal and School Physician for further information in regard to the work being done.

Our High school building is by far the best equipped building we have, and the present committee believe, as those of the past, that it pays to keep it so. Aside from the usual repairs we had to spend about \$175 on the heating plant the past year, and must have some shingling

done on the east side of the building and also the cupola this year.

The Centre building with the antiquated system of heating and sanitary conditions certainly is a problem, and we feel as no doubt past committee have, that there should be something done to put this building in a better condition. We certainly think that it would be better for us to raise a sum sufficient to so remodel and heat this building, that we will have it off our hands for a term of years, and pay the same in small yearly payments than to spend about the same amounts in yearly repairs which are of little permanent value. With this end in view your committee will try and have some facts and figures for your consideration at our March meeting.

The Prospect street building is in a very good condition with the exception of the piazza which must be replaced this year with a new one or extensive repairs made. The building at the Port should be shingled this year.

It is growing harder every year to run the schools on the same amount appropriated the previous year. This town has always been very generous in its appropriations for the schools, and we feel that it will continue in future years as in the past to adequately provide for its educational needs.

With a due appreciation of the efforts and co-operation of our Superintendent and teachers, likewise parents and pupils, we respectfully submit this report.

WALTER L. CHALONER,
HENRY C. MANNING,
RALPH H. SARGENT.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Financial Statement.

Appropriations and receipts.

General fund,	\$ 7,650 00
Transportation,	1,000 00
Superintendent,	375 00
Town of Salisbury, tuition.	40 00
Hazel Farnham, tuition,	19 00
Dog tax,	155 76
From State, account of Supt., etc.,	458 33
Sale of stove,	7 00
Grass,	2 00
Books,	2 00
Tuition and transportation of state wards,	173 00
Mass. School fund,	907 10
Mass. school fund balance on hand in 1911,	47 12
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Total,	\$ 10,836 31

Expenditures.

Teachers' salaries,	\$ 6,516 60
Janitors' salaries,	789 52
Fuel,	618 82
Superintendent's salary,	585 50
Repairs,	485 55
Transportation,	947 50
Incidentals,	335 45
Supplies,	318 05
Books,	223 68
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Total, \$ 10,820 67

General fund, balance on hand, 15 64

\$ 10,836 31

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of Merrimac:

Gentlemen:—I have the pleasure of presenting you my first annual report relative to the work and conditions of the schools in your town, and also to matter relative to educational interest.

Now four months is altogether too short a time to become thoroughly conversant with all the conditions and factors entering into the successful management of any complex business system. Notwithstanding all that has been said to the contrary, there certainly is no business that presents more or greater problems than our schools. In other lines the problems are somewhat constant or they repeat themselves in cycles of every few years, but in school work and the management of the school room, the problems continually arising are never constant but are the most variable variables. This is the reason why so many faithful, earnest teachers break down, after a few years teaching, with nervous prostration.

No class of workmen is receiving so poor a compensation for the nervous, vital energy spent, nor is any other class doing so important a work. Common Law recognizes teachers as standing in the place, and with the same legal rights, of parents. Their life, example and touch is moulding, shaping and developing the soul-life of the children under their care. This is the chief end of education since this is so it is highly important that those, who are the best equipped for this all-important work, should be secured. And when such a teacher with the love instinct of the mother combined with the other necessary qualifications, has been found, it is of the greatest importance to the child as well as to the parents that a few cents or even a few dollars is not allowed a moment's consideration between the going or the stay-

ing of this teacher in our schools. "The laborer is worthy of his hire."

This seems a favorable opportunity for calling the attention of parents to the Home Garden Scheme of the Massachusetts Agricultural College. The College proposes this year as last, only more extensively to offer prizes for home gardens. Also the State Board of Agriculture is to offer State premiums for home garden work directed by individual schools or towns, for larger home garden areas cared for by individuals, for one-half or one acre of corn and one-fourth or one-half acre of potatoes.

The first premium will be a free trip to Washington, D. C.; the second, a free trip to the Corn Show; and the third will be a week's course of instruction at the Massachusetts Agricultural College.

Now these, with the many prizes offered by the College and Amesbury-Salisbury Fair Association, with easier conditions, ought to interest a goodly number of boys sufficiently to induce them to enter these contests. A West Newbury boy won the first prize last year for the one-quarter acre of corn. The Fair Association offers prizes for flowers as well as for sewing and canned fruit, which gives the girls an opportunity. This is a good thing and one in which parents may well encourage their boys and girls. Agriculture is coming to take its rightful position as an industry worthy the attention of the best of us. There is no occupation more honorable or more elevating when viewed in its proper light. Parents, encourage your boys and girls to become interested in these Home Gardens and home work. The results to the boys and girls, outside of the prizes, in development of character will far outweigh all sacrifices and efforts on your part. A letter to the Agricultural College will bring full information regarding these projects. ,,

The spiral scheme of the Werner Arithmetics, books that have been in use in the schools for some years, did

not seem to be the best adapted for the work in our schools. Therefore it was thought advisable to make a change. And so at the beginning of the school year these books were replaced by the Hamilton Arithmetics. These seem to be giving satisfaction, and it is believed will result in better work in arithmetic in all the grades. Otherwise the books in use are the same as last year. An increased amount of supplementary reading should be added as soon as convenient. A good supply of such reading matter is decidedly essential since the greatest good to the child in expression and in interpretation of the printed page is desired.

There has been an unusual amount of sickness this fall and early winter in the teaching corps. Fortunately good substitutes have been secured; but even with this, the work has been decidedly interfered with. Yet, in spite of this, reasonable progress has been made all along the line. The work in some of the rooms has decidedly improved since the opening of the school. Everything seems favorable for stronger, more progressive work for the rest of the year.

In the High school there has been a strong, steady progressive advancement; the pupils as well as the teachers, are increasingly interested in their work. An excellent esprit de corps exists among the teachers. For more specific details of the work in the High school I will call your attention to the report of the principal.

The committee may well feel pleased with the character of work being done in the department of music. Your supervisor is thoroughly interested and in love with his work. With such a leader only the best results are to be expected.

A supervisor of drawing has not been employed this year. Many of the teachers are carrying this work on rather successfully.

If the committee will allow me, I wish to take this

opportunity to thank you for the many helpful suggestions you have given me and to assure you of my appreciation of your co-operation. I have the fullest assurance in your loyal support. Every question or problem that has arisen this year has been considered by you for the best interest of the schools. For such loyalty, assistance, and encouragement, I assure you I am deeply grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. SMALL,

Superintendent of Schools.

Jan. 22, 1913.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

To the Superintendent of Schools and School Board of Merrimac:

In compliance with the custom which prevails, I herewith submit my report concerning the Merrimac High School.

When I commenced my work here last September, the pupils made a favorable impression. Since that time they have shown a fine spirit of cooperation and have been responsive to suggestions in a most gratifying manner. This relationship between pupil and teacher is universal, and characteristic of each department, and should produce satisfactory results at the end of the year.

A school should aim to enrich its various departments as rapidly as means are available, and we feel that something has been done to this end already.

My attention was first directed to the need of a suitable room for the Commercial Department. The transfer of the equipment to the recitation room on the first floor has proved entirely satisfactory, and greatly increased the efficiency of the department. Now the typewriters can be used most advantageously. Two pupils at a table on one side of the room, receive the rest of the class as patrons of a bank. The aim is to give the practical knowledge that every citizen of a town should possess.

The former commercial room with the new chairs is satisfactory for the Latin and French classes. Heat and ventilation secured by changing the register from the floor to the wall and connecting the room with the ventilating system is appreciated by the pupils.

The interest manifested by the pupils in solving problems in physical science by actual demonstration and experimental work in chemistry is sufficient to demand better conditions in this practical phase of school work. It is impossible to estimate the value that would be de-

rived from the expenditure of money for such purposes.

It is true that pupils who have fallen behind in their work are sometimes allowed to leave school by their parents when the failure is due to the fact that the required amount of time has not been given to preparation.

As one writer has stated "High school education is not compulsory upon anyone, but has been established by the state for the benefit of those who wish or are able to go beyond the common schools."

It is necessary that we do a certain amount of work each year in the different subjects and there are those "who wish or are able" to do it, therefore those who do not must necessarily fall out. I am confident that these same pupils could continue with their classes if they would plan their time out of school more systematically, thus finding a place for home study. If, however, they are so employed at home that the work required to secure a diploma is not completed in four years, credit is given for the amount satisfactorily performed, therefore a diploma may be obtained by continuing in school a longer period.

The members of the senior class appreciate the privilege granted them of continuing the plans begun last year to raise money for a Washington trip. I believe that the efforts of preparation and the results of the trip will be of exceptional educational value.

In closing, I wish to extend to the members of the School Board, individually and collectively, my sincere thanks for their support and encouragement; to the Superintendent for helpful suggestions, and I want also to acknowledge the spirit of co-operation manifested by the teachers. The combination of these influences has produced the success which has crowned the work thus far.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD F. CUNNINGHAM,

Principal.

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

To the School Committee, Merrimac, Mass.

Gentlemen:—The following brief report is respectfully submitted.

The law relative to the inspection of the public school children has been complied with this past year.

There are some bad cases of adenoids that have not been operated on.

There is an improvement in the general care of the children's teeth.

In the seventh grade, however, nearly forty per cent were in need of dental work and some of them shamefully so.

It is a pity that any child's health should be impaired now, and in the years to come, from this cause.

In most cases it is pure neglect and, in cases where it is because of poverty, the town should assume the cost.

Many families and all should who can afford it send the children twice a year or more to the dentist for inspection.

In this way the permanent teeth instead of being sacrificed in youth are preserved as they are intended to be into old age.

Many a case of so-called dyspepsia a physician sees is due to the fact that the patient has not teeth to properly masticate his food.

Far and away the best asset any boy or girl can have in this world is good health. Given this and a good education, if they don't get along well in the world, it is their own fault.

Although it has been under consideration for some time among the boys of the High school the matter of sex hygiēna has not as yet been taken up.

In the past few years leading educators have taken

up this subject throughout the length and breadth of the land, and the time is surely coming and coming soon when school children, both boys and girls at the proper age and in a proper manner, will receive instruction in sex hygienæ.

It is a lamentable fact that the average father and mother are woefully ignorant on this subject; in many instances as ignorant as the children themselves.

It is a conceded fact by those best qualified to speak, that the only way to overcome some of the greatest social evils of the day is by knowledge; not that knowledge that comes from the slang and vileness of the street, but from those who from education, training and long experience with the evil effects of social vice, know whereof they speak.

In the past few years next to the prevention and cure of tuberculosis this subject has received more attention than any other subject among educators.

A few years ago outside of Medical Societies venereal diseases were unmentionable, while now we frequently see in our best periodicals long articles with a plea for the pure life.

This year with the consent of the School Board a talk or two will be given to the High school boys.

Respectfully submitted,

F. E. SWEETSIR, M. D.,

School Physician.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

To the Supt. of Schools and the School Board of Merri-
mac:

Your supervisor of music is again pleased to report, though briefly, upon the condition of the schools of Merri-
mac in musical study during the past year. My specific object has been to demonstrate just how much proficiency can be obtained from the several grades in the matter of reading music. Individual work has been the rule very largely, and, despite the difficult tasks exacted in many cases, the pupils have not seemingly lost their interest in any large degree, but, on the contrary, appear to enjoy the added work. These tests have shown that there are a few in all of the grades—and I am thankful that the percentage is small—who have quite a deal of trouble in understanding and applying the methods for ready sight singing. These pupils must therefore require considerable personal attention from the supervisor and teachers, as they are often times those possessing good voices, and are, therefore, not to be given up and allowed to drift along as best they may.

The loss of several of the former teachers is greatly felt, and this, together with the frequent changes on account of sickness in the teaching force, has been quite a serious handicap in the musical study of the grades.

My latest visits have shown the eighth grade to be doing much better work than that of a year ago, and it is going to contribute some good material to the High school in another year.

Of the work of the High school I can speak only in the highest praise. My visits there are always a pleasure to me, as the enthusiasm and good cheer of the pupils and teachers is much appreciated. I miss some of the solo voices of past years greatly, and wish that many of the

pupils could be induced to take up the special study of voice culture with good teachers, that we may have more soloists.

I wish to thank the teachers for co-operation in the work; the pupils for best endeavor; and the Superintendent and School Board for all needed material and assistance.

Respectfully,

W. E. HARTWELL,

Supervisor of Music.

Haverhill, Mass., Jan. 13, 1913.

REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICER.

A. W. Small, Superintendent of Schools:

Your Truant Officer respectfully submits the following report:

Number of cases investigated,	39
Number of cases of truancy,	5

HENRY C. MANNING,

Truant Officer.

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